

**MODOC COUNTY**  
**FISH, GAME & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**202 W 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET**  
**ALTURAS, CA 96101**

**MINUTES – November 30, 2016**

The meeting of the Modoc County Fish, Game and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Chris Ratliff at 1:00 pm.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Mark Moriarity, Doc Martin, Patricia Smith, Chris Ratliff, Cheryl Kunert, Dewayne Matthews, George Wistos, Pete Carey and Paul Molder.

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Paul Divine, Clayton Oilar, Steve Clay, Lorissa Soriano and Vicki Oilar.

Minutes from the October 26, 2016 meeting were approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**California Fish and Game Commission**

- \* Notice of December 7-8, 2016 meeting agenda available on website.
- \* Notice of proposed regulation changes concerning the use of dogs for pursuit/take of mammals or for dog training.
- \* Notice of final consideration of the petition to list the flat-tailed horned lizard as an endangered species.

**MATTERS INITIATED BY THE PUBLIC:**

Clayton Oilar voiced his concerns over the declining deer herds in Surprise Valley. He has conducted his own deer surveys over the last 40+ years and he feels that the decline has a lot to do with predators. He also believes that this County should not be ruled by what happens in other Counties in California and that Modoc should be able to make our own laws concerning what happens in our county. He asked the Commission what could be done about this issue. It was suggested to Mr. Oilar that he form a petition and get it signed by the voting public to be presented to Legislators.

**AGENCY REPORTS:**

**Department of Fish & Wildlife:** Paul Divine reported on the water levels at Pine Creek Reservoir. He had fixed several leaks in the pipe that fills the Reservoir. He was at the Reservoir on November 15 and the water level had come up substantially.

Brian Gallaher reported on a bobcat case that went to court and he asked if the Commission would like to mount the bobcat. After discussion it was decided to gather more information on cost and add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

**Modoc Refuge:** Steve Clay reported that he is in the process of reviewing plans for their new office building and they should be in by next fall.

He also reported that the Multiple Purpose Accessible Trail that the Refuge and County are working on is moving slowly forward.

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Jr. Chukar Hunt:** The Committee will do a site visit at the Likely Place Golf Course on December 5, 2016 at 10:00 am.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Deer Issue on Highway 139:** Paul is continuing to collect deer/vehicle collision data.

**Guzzlers:** The last guzzler has been installed in Lassen County. And they are going to start working on repairing some of the existing guzzlers.

**Goose Season:** Nothing to report.

**Reestablish 10 Fish Limit:** Paul Divine reported that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is in the process of making some overall changes to fishing regulations. After discussion, Patricia Smith made a motion to drop this, seconded by Paul Molder. All present in favor.

**Goose Grain Field:** The Klamath Refuge and Modoc Refuge both leave a percentage of grain standing to attract birds. It is felt that by putting in any more grain fields that the effect would not be large enough to make a difference.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing to report.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cheryl received notification from the Modoc National Forest that they are searching for applicants for the Resource Advisory Committee. Anyone interested needs to apply through the Modoc National Forest website.

Cheryl also relayed to the Commission the Karen Kovacs with the DFW would be at the Modoc Board of Supervisors meeting on December 13 to speak on the wolf issues.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cheryl Kunert, Secretary